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Health Care Administrative Rules Update

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed adopted rules with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) to amend the following administrative rules for Medicaid covered services.

- 4.213 Audiology Services/Hearing Aids (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7315)
 - This rule defines coverage for audiology services including hearing aids. Amendments to the current rule include clarifying provider types and clarifying the covered services for hearing aids.
- 4.214 Eyewear and Vision Care Services (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7316)
 - This rule defines coverage for vision care services including eyewear. Amendments to the current rule include clarifying provider types and clarifying the replacement conditions for eyewear.
- Repeal – Planned Parenthood of Vermont (Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7409)
 - This rule will be repealed. The rule is unnecessary as it reflects policy and practices that are no longer in place. There are no impacts to providers or beneficiaries by repealing this rule.

The adopted rules set forth the criteria for coverage under Vermont's Medicaid program operated by the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA). They revise and replace current Medicaid covered services rules as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules (HCAR).

Effective Date:

These administrative rules will take effect December 2, 2016.

Authority/Legal Basis:

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. § 801(b) (11), 33 V.S.A. § 1901(a)(1).

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Notice:

A public hearing was held on August 26, 2016. The public comment period ended on September 2, 2016.

Public comments and responses are [available here](#).

Additional Information:

The Agency of Human Services is undertaking a comprehensive revision of Medicaid rules across the Agency. All Medicaid rules will be amended and adopted under the title of Health Care Administrative Rules (HCAR). Amendments to rule may include changes to policy and operations, as well as formatting and organization. This is a multi-year process, and during this transition phase, some Medicaid rules will remain under the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Medicaid Covered Services Rules (7100 - 7700), while other rules will be adopted in the new HCAR collection of Medicaid rules.

The HCAR rules that are currently in effect can be viewed electronically at:

<http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/health-care-administrative-rules-hcar/health-care-administrative-rules>.

The DVHA Medicaid Covered Services rules that are currently in effect can be viewed electronically at: <http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/dvha>.

To get more information about the administrative rulemaking process, see the website of the Office of the Secretary of State at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/administrative-rules.aspx>.